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For: **DEVICE MANAGEMENT NETWORK SYSTEM, MANAGEMENT SERVER, AND
COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been examined, and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. Preliminary Matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for preparing the October 9, 2003 Office Action upon Applicant's request. In addition, as indicated by the Examiner, Applicant confirms that the October 9, 2003 Office Action replaces and restarts the response period of the September 12, 2003 Office Action. Therefore, the current Response is considered timely.